

**Scripture references: Genesis 2:7 (AMPC); Genesis 2:15 (AMPC); Genesis 2:25 (AMPC); Genesis 3:7 (AMPC); Galatians 3:26-27 (AMPC); Galatians 3:27 (AMPC); Isaiah 53:4-10 (NKJV); 1 Peter 2:21-25 (NKJV); 3 John 1:2 (NKJV); 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 (NKJV); John 14:23 (NKJV)**

Thank You Father, thank You Lord. I thank You Lord that Your presence and Your Word takes away all fear, all anxiety, and all of the effects of the system of the prince of the darkness of this world. Removes all those effects away, effects away from us. It shall not come near. Hallelujah. As long as we stay near. Glory to Jesus. So, Father, I thank You that today, I'm on assignment by the Holy Spirit and by the word that Jesus has given us. And I declare that today signs and wonders and miracles will happen. Hallelujah. We receive them eternally, in the now present, today. In Jesus name. Hallelujah. Everybody says, Amen. Amen. You may be seated. Glory to God. Praise Jesus.

I'm going to move as quick as I can with the things that I have to say, before I move on to praying for people's healing. I'm going to continue with the revelation that the Lord has given me and the way that He has given it to me. That He made creatures and He made an environment for creatures to live in. So, every creature uniquely has an environment for him to live in. Uniquely. Okay, so I dare any one of you to show me anywhere in the Bible. I dare you; I triple dog dare you to show me a scripture in the Bible where God had to give medicine to angels. Medicine to angels, panado's, stilpane. Chemotherapy to angels. No? Anybody, any of the creatures that God has created in heaven, that reside in His presence in heaven.

All the angels that fly around and the creatures that fly around the throne of God. Every now and again He's got to catch one that falls out of the sky, because some kind of a sickness has got a hold of him. Covid. Suddenly he's sneezing and coughing, and God's going to call him near to the throne and say, "Come let Me cast this Covid out of you today." Anything? No, it's not possible. Well, the reason I'm being very simplistic about it, is because God created angels, and He created creatures that are in the heavenly realm. He created them, to obey His commands and to be able to function in His presence.

So, there is no sickness or disease in His presence. Nothing. He doesn't have to give medication to any creature that He created, that's in His presence. Because they're in heaven there with Him, right? Okay, let's take the argument to the other side. Does the devil have to ask any of his demons, if he, if they need to get rid of Covid or cancer or any other disease? No. I dare you to find me a scripture in the Bible where the devil has to call one of his demons and say, "Come, let me get rid of the sickness out of you." He can't do that either. Because he's not the creator of sickness and disease. His absence from the presence of God and his ways that he goes about things corrupts our world. And the corruption in the world causes sickness and disease. Come on.

So, I know that that the enemy of God, the devil, is the author of all things that are anti God, and everything that is anti-God he's the author of that. But the way that he goes about it is that he, his presence corrupts things. And therefore, wherever there

is health, and wherever there is life, wherever there is wealth, and wherever God has created an environment for a creature to function, his presence there corrupts it. So, his presence in our lives corrupts the things that are in our lives. So, you and I didn't have a choice when we were born, we were born and I don't want to go into, I don't have time today to go into all the scriptures and all the lessons and everything like that, like I would do perhaps in a Bible school setting, for example. But it is, the Bible says that we are corrupted in our flesh, our flesh will die. But in the spirit in Christ, there is no corruption. His seed is incorruptible, His Word is incorruptible.

So, while we live in a corruptible environment. Why is our environment corrupted? Our environment is corrupted because the man that was made, the environment that was made for the man, the man chose to give access to a corrupted being who brought his corruption into the environment. So, I want to read to you Genesis chapter 2 verse 7. <sup>7</sup> **Then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath or spirit of life, and man became a living being. [I Cor. 15:45-49.] (Genesis 2:7 AMPC).**

That's the reason why I asked you if there's any angels that you can find where He has to get rid of sickness. When He breathed His life into this being, He breathed His life of pure form, un-corruptible, incorruptible is a better word. And He was pure in every form, there was no sickness that came from the breath of God into the man. There was no poverty mentality, or any oppression, depression, anxiety, any sickness or disease or anything, that the man didn't need, or that would harm man, did not come through the breath of God into him. When He breathed His breath and His life into him, He breathed, pure, glorious, life. Incorruptible and uncorrupted. Life. The only being that could corrupt it would be the man's choice itself. And the Lord, Genesis 2 verse 15, <sup>15</sup> **And the Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to tend and guard and keep it. (Genesis 2:15 AMPC).**

So, in order for man to be the creature that is an image of God, God had to give him purpose, He had to give him tasks. He had to give him things to do. But the things that He gave him to do, He gave him to do based on the life that was in him. Not and not a corrupted life. Verse 25, <sup>25</sup> **And the man and his wife were both naked and were not embarrassed or ashamed in each other's presence. (Genesis 2:25 AMPC).** In other words, they were walking around, clothed with the glory of God and everything that they had to do and everything, that they were purposed by God to do, who God intended to be the creature on the earth that was dominating, and was making sure that the order of God was continuing in the earth. That was His command.

And so, when we are living in His command, we are never, we do not see nakedness. We are not embarrassed or ashamed by the nakedness, because we don't see it. We see through God's glory. Come on. If I see you with a pure love of God, and the pure grace of God, and the pure glory of God, if I see whatever weakness you have, whatever sickness or disease or whatever bad behavior you have, I don't see your nakedness. And I'm not embarrassed by your actions. The love of God is there for me, to protect you, and to help you and to love you, and to bring you back to the state where you are no longer embarrassed or ashamed. Glory to God. Hallelujah.

And so, the enemy of God comes into the garden, and he gets in there, because he wasn't given a command by God not to go there. It was the man, whose job it was to command him not to come there. So, he comes into the garden, and he deceives them to actually give up the right of their will. And they choose to obey the will of another that is corrupted. <sup>7</sup> **Then the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves apronlike girdles. (Genesis 3:7 AMPC).** So, that's what happens in our lives when we, when we don't live the Word of God. When we don't enter into the presence of God, when we follow our own course of life, our own desires and our own ways of life. What happens is our eyes are opened to the possibilities that are presented to us. Isn't that what the devil did to Adam and Eve?

He gave them options. Gave them possibilities, right? So, instead of having just saying, "No, no, I'm not choosing any other options, I'm not going to any other possibilities, I'm sticking with what God said." They chose another possibility, another option. And you will find that if you go, if you don't obey the Word of God and the will of God, you will find that there are always other options. There are always other possibilities. Hey, come on, I'm preaching good [*Congregation: Yes, you are, Pastor John*]. And the thing is, is that when you pursue those options, and those possibilities, your eyes are opened, and as your eyes get more open to more options, more possibilities, more things that you can do, then what happens is that nakedness becomes more obvious. And everybody can see your nakedness.

That's why the world has gone so crazy with identity politics, and they're trying to remove, certainly in America anyway, they're trying to remove out of the Constitution, they're trying to remove out of all government policies or legislation, they're trying to remove gender-based naming conventions. So, you're no longer a man or a woman, you're a 'they' or a 'them'. Because the more you sin, the more you see options, the more your nakedness is exposed, and everybody can see your nakedness. And you can see theirs. Because the presence of God brings no covering. The absence of the presence of God exposes everything that you're doing. And so, you try to cover it up, and you try to run from it, and you try to hide from it. But you can't.

As long as the church is in the earth, no one can hide from their sin. So, they everybody's trying to undo and trying to minimise what the church is in the world today. Because if they can remove God out of society, then all the laws that they will pass will just give them more options. And then they all become naked, and ashamed together. And that makes them feel better because they're naked and ashamed together. So, I'm talking about, this is all about healing, and all about the life of God in our in our lives.

Galatians chapter 3, verse 26, says, <sup>26</sup> **For in Christ you are all sons of God through faith.** In Christ, you're all sons of God through faith. <sup>27</sup> **For as many [of you] as were baptized into Christ, if you were born-again [into a spiritual union and communion with Christ, the Anointed One, the Messiah] have put on (clothed yourselves with) Christ. (Galatians 3:26-27 AMPC).** What happens when you have put on and close yourself with Christ? Now I see your clothing, your glory, I don't see your shame. I don't see your nakedness. I don't see the things, the baggage that you bring with you. I don't see it; I see the clothing of Christ. When I choose an option to want to judge you, criticize you, have an opinion about you, then

my eyes are open because I'm choosing options. I have an option to speak about you something that God wouldn't say about you. I have an option to think about you the way God would not think about you. I have an option to have a behavior pattern around you that God wouldn't have around you.

So, the minute I exercise my options, I see your nakedness. And then I talk about your flaws and your weaknesses. And I talk about you, and I criticize you and I judge you and then what happens to me is that my eyes are more opened and so then I automatically realized that if I'm saying that about people, those people are saying about me in some way or another, then my eyes are open I become naked and ashamed. Hallelujah. I'm preaching so good today [*Congregation agrees*]. So good. Hallelujah. So, I want to say, it's interesting that when I have a theatrical performance evening, the auditorium is full. When I have a healing service morning, the auditorium is harmful. What happened to the other half of the people? Well, I have a Discovery medical aid and momentum, medical aid, I have doctors, and I'm not sick right now. So, I don't have to go to a healing meeting. Because I don't need it right now. And if I do need anything, I'll go to the chemist, or I go to the doctor. Yes?

Now, let me tell you, I'm very, very grateful for doctors. I'm very grateful. And I thank God that He put it in heart in the heart of people to want to serve other people the way that they do. And God has used and opened the eyes of men to things like viruses and bacteria and, and methods and ways of helping people overcome sickness and disease. But they become more and more needful. The less, I should say the more they become more needful, the more the church is not useful. The more the church becomes useful and powerful, the less the medical profession is needful. Hallelujah. They coexist because man made a choice to allow corruption into the world. So, then we are when we are born. As babies, we don't have a choice, we are born into corruption, the minute you're born, you start to die.

I know when you look at these cute little babies that run around, the cute little kids and cute babies in cots and in mother's arms, you don't think to yourself, this person is busy dying. You think only this person's potential and the life that is ahead of them. Right? But actually, the minute they're born, they actually start dying. Because we're born into corruption, because of Adam's choice. So, what is the answer to this problem? The answer to the problem is to put on Christ. And so, when you put on Christ, you now live in the environment, with a different creature in your spirit, although your natural man is still corrupted, are you all with me? So that's the reason why I can be I can be a really strong Christian. And I can really love God with all my heart, and I can serve Him with everything. And something happens and I get sick. And a virus comes into the earth and the virus comes on me.

It's not because it's an inevitable consequence, that when a virus comes into the earth, that I must be subjected to the virus. It is a consequence of my lack of knowledge of the new creature that I am, that can protect me from the virus. The new creature that is in you, is the Christ that you have put on. So, I read you that scripture if you've been baptised into Christ, then you put on Christ, right? You want me to read it to you again? You're looking at me like... So, let me read you again. Okay. <sup>26</sup> **For in Christ you are all sons of God through faith.** So now, if you're a son of God, are you more the son of your parent or are you more the son of God? You can never change that you are the son of your parent; you can never change

that. Just the same way that if you are born a son of God, you can't change that either.

I know some theologies, and some doctrines say you can, but I don't believe that you can. Because in Jesus, anyway, I'm not going to go into that. If you're truly born into Christ, then you are a son of God, and then a son of God can't go back, you will always be a son of God, even though you may not receive all of what God has for you. And you may not walk in all the fullness of the new son that you are. Okay, so let's take a natural, just a natural example.

As children, when they're little, and they're in your home, everything in your domain is theirs to explore. You don't have to tell them to not go to the medicine cabinet, in their mind it is just something else to explore. Which is why they put special caps on certain tablets to make sure that kids don't get into those tablets, because in their mind, that's nothing. It's just something to explore. Right? So, everything in your domain in the domain is there to explore as a little child. As the child grows up, he becomes and he starts to identify with not only this domain, but other domains, there's other playgrounds, there's other places, there's other things. And they become aware of other options of other domains.

Other places, other people, other identities other than mom and dad, work with me here. So, in the natural as a natural born child, your corrupted self is destined, it's born into your natural soul, that at some point, the sin option is going to be your choice, rather than your inevitable action. So, when a little child is born, and they are disobeying their parents, they don't understand disobedience yet. It's just, "I want to do this, and mommy and daddy are telling me no." They don't know that what they're doing is not what Mommy and Daddy wants them not to do. Yes? I don't want to get caught up in all the technicalities of this, but there is a great deal of wealth in what I'm saying in this teaching this morning. And so, you don't have to teach them. They are born with the nature that says, "If you say no, it's an option for me to explore". Corrupted self wants the options to explore.

The next thing that you do when you become an adult and you become aware, at whatever age that might be, it can be any time from the age of 10 or 12, from there onwards, where you become aware that it's your choice to receive Jesus as your Lord and Savior. So, if you grew up in a strong Christian home, and Jesus is in your home, that choice might be so marginal in the way that you make the choice. There may not be like a big thunderclap or, you know, big repentance of crying because of all of sin and all of that. It might be that when you grew up in a Christian home, it's just a natural thing; one day you realize, "I am a Christian. I've always been, I've always loved God, I am a Christian, I choose to serve Him."

So, the choice is much easier in a Christian home than it is in any other kind of home, because Mom and Dad are doing their best to make their options less, and their option is really more to serve God. Are you all still with me? So, if you are sons of God, <sup>27</sup> **for as many of you, as are baptized into Christ, in your union with Him, you have put on and closed yourself with Christ. (Galatians 3:27 AMPC).** So, when I clothe myself with Christ, and I have a union with Him, the new creature in me says, "Every option that you learned in your life before, I am going to tell you not to do it. The only option I want you to be aware of," this is the new Christ in you,

the new creature; “The only option I'm going to inspire you to do is the one that is the God option.” It can do nothing else, because it's Christ in you.

Come on work with me, say Amen to this this morning. I know it's Monday morning, and there's been a lot of church this weekend, but work with me here. Okay? When I am born again as a spirit being, everything I now do as a human being, my spirit being is going to tell me, “Don't make the wrong choice, don't make that choice.” If you're going to make a choice, that's anti-God, it's going to be telling you to, “Make a different choice, make a different choice, make a different choice.” And so, you can read lots about the Bible about people that sear their conscience and the culture, the evil conscience. And there's a lot of talk about the conscience, because when you get born again, your conscience begins to speak to you and tell you what to do, by the Holy Spirit.

So then, what happens is that all the options that everybody else has chosen in the world is still in your face, it's still in your environment, it's still there. But the spirit man inside of you, he says, “Don't make those choices. There is no future there.” And everything that everybody else's options have chosen in their life, those options, keep talking to you and saying, “Choose this option, choose this option, because look, after all, everybody else is choosing it, and everybody else is living this way.” Isn't that what the devil said to Adam and Eve? “These things that you don't know. And if you make a different choice, you'll see what everything's all really about.” And so, the enemy of God wants you to choose what everybody else is choosing, and that's not what God wants you to choose. God wants you to choose what He would want for you. Amen. Hallelujah.

So why is this important? Well, I'm going to just very briefly cover this for you, that as a natural being living in a natural environment, we have yet to discover how powerful our spirit, recreated spirit man is when we have enough of the Word in us, and we explore with God, the knowledge of God, together with a body of Christ. We have yet to see how much power we have. In normal day life, I can tell you the power we have is the same that Jesus walked in. Okay, question for you. When Jesus ate food, what food do you think he ate? The natural-being man, living in a society that is providing food for him. He was going to eat everything that was permitted to eat, what God said is okay. Right?

God spoke to Moses. And God told Moses to tell all of the children of Israel, what to eat and what not to eat and how to behave in their lives. Jesus did that. What happens when mom was exploring the Roman food? I don't know if she did. I'm just giving you an example. What happens when if mom, Mary says, you know, “I made friends with this Roman couple that moved in next door? Yeah, they came from somewhere in in Athens or whatever. You know, they they're part of the Roman Empire, or they came from Rome, or they came from Florence, or they arrived here because they were in the military, and they lived down the road and they brought some spices, and they brought some food and stuff. Have you tasted it? It's nice food.”

So now mom wants to explore. Now I know that Mary wouldn't have done that, because she knew what her covenant is with God. I'm just giving you an example, that if she had made a choice to explore food that wasn't according to the covenant,

Jesus would have, and God would have protected His son that his body will only eat the food that he permitted to eat. So why is this important? Because healing power of God is not the only option for your health. Your health is as much about your choices, you and me, of what we eat, what we don't eat, and how we behave ourselves in the natural world, as we don't. I've opened up a can of worms, please don't eat those.

So, I have to go to the army, I'm in the army, I have to eat stuff that's horrible, terrible, terrible, horrible. Take the eggs and bounce them off four walls, and it can still land on your plate. And then you still got to try and eat it after that. I kid you not. And if you hang around, some people that like doughnuts, it's going to happen. Because we live in a culture and an environment where the human option, the human choices have continued to make more stuff available to us, more convenient, more lifestyle oriented. And so, we make choices to eat that. So, you can be skinny and very unhealthy. Don't think it's only fat people that are unhealthy. And you can be overweight, and you can be more healthy than someone that skinny. Because you are probably being careful about what you eat, if you're not, today's a good day to start. So, I'm just trying to say to you today that your health is not just about the healing, and the miracle power, when someone lays hands on you that you get healed from sickness and disease. Sickness and disease can come on your body because we live in a corrupted society, and the corruption that's in the society; there are many ways that that corruption turns into sickness and disease in our bodies. One of the ways is the wave of the food that we eat.

Some of the other ways is the way that we live our lifestyle that progressively wants to accumulate wealth, and it progressively wants to be achieving things. And you can cause your will to command your body to do things, and for you to create an environment for yourself where you're always busy, busy, busy, busy, you're always busy; and the anxiety of that busyness, it's not, "I don't have a financial problem, therefore I'm not anxious." It's the fact that you've created a lifestyle, that you enjoy what you do, that causes anxiety, that if you're not doing what you have created a habit of doing; then you become anxious, because you think that in your habit of doing is where you succeed. So, in that habit is an anxiety and stress, and all manner of things that come with that. Fear, ambition, because you don't want to be failing, ambition because maybe you want to be something in society, these things create stress. They create things in your life, that can make you sick, because you're living according to a corrupted force. That's in your mind, it's in your soul, that God would not want you to live for that.

So, God doesn't want you to live for the accumulation of things. You Western people with a western mindset, that think that actually the success of your life is the accumulation of things. And that the accumulation of things and the way that you accumulate things become important where none of that is actually important to Jesus, that you accumulate things. It's only important to you and I when we have a mindset, a soul, a lifestyle habit, DNA functioning in us that we have learned that the only way to redeem yourself from poverty to is to accumulate things. Because if I've got things, I can always have something that can protect me from poverty. That in itself creates sickness and disease. Because you allow corruption into your life.

There are other things that you can do. You can choose habits; you can choose habits. Like you can choose to smoke cigarettes and say this is a cool thing to do among my friends. And normally, people that get to smoke cigarettes, they normally do it when they start as teenagers, because it's normally a cool thing or a peer pressure thing or something like that. So, they normally start when they're young. Normally, not always, but normally. Or you can choose for example, you can choose to start drinking alcohol, and then you drink more and more alcohol. Everybody else does it; everybody else does it. So, what's wrong with it? Well as part of the corrupted man, it says I've got to look for a substance to relieve my pressure, or to give me pleasure. If you're in Christ, clothed with Christ, you don't have to look for pleasure there. And I'm just using examples. I use those examples, because they because they, they just affect most people.

You can go fill up petrol in your gas tank, and you can walk into the garage in some garages and they're selling beers and wine there. I mean it's prevalent. Everywhere. It affects most people. So, I'm just using that example because it affects most people. I'm not categorizing it as a greater thing than somebody else. Okay, I can just, let me use another example. I've used this example before; you can get yourself into the habit about gossiping about other people. And it can be more damaging to you than someone who drinks a whole bottle of vodka every night. Really. Because to be critical, and to be judgmental, and opinionated when you are criticizing somebody, it eats into your soul. And that virus, that corruption begins to kill you.

So, the next point is a very relevant point for today's society. And I'm just going to say it as quickly as I can and move on. But you can get into all manner of sexual deviance or sexual vices or be sexually active when you shouldn't be. And the Bible says that when you do that you are sinning against your own body. So, what are you doing against your own body? You are doing something that is causing your body to deteriorate and be corrupted. Sickness and disease corruption. So, there is a lot that is normal in the world environment, that if you don't allow yourself to put on Christ, then what will happen is that it will eventually begin to have an effect on your body in some way or another.

If I had to ask Dr. Amanda, "What is the biggest problem that she faces when she's working on people's teeth?" She will say, "Probably eating sugar." Because sugar is the thing that corrodes and corrupts your teeth more than anything else. So now you need a dentist because you're eating habit is corrupting your body, causing you pain. "Jesus healed me from my toothache." "Stop eating sugar. Brush your teeth properly." Am I doing right Dr. Amanda? [*Doctor Amanda: Yes, Pastor John*]. I mean, right? Stop eating too much sugar, brush your teeth properly. See, it's at least a barrier against corruption, do you get what I'm trying to say here? There are many things that are in our environment that are corrupting our bodies; they're corrupting our bodies. And it's become normal behavior in our society to do these things. And so, when we do these things, we either go to the doctors, and we have a medical aid to help us get over these things.

Or what we do is we can start to use the Word of God, and we can start to be the new creature. And we can start to access what God has given us as new creatures, and we put on Christ, and he begins to guide us and lead us and train us. So, all the vegans and all the vegetarians and all the anti-milk people and all the anti-killing

cows, people, you can say, "Good preaching, Pastor John." But you know, it's the easiest thing actually, in our environment in the world that we live in, to put stuff in our body that causes us to get sick. So, I'm going to be praying for you today. And I'm going to ask the Father to heal you. But I am saying to you that whatever healing it is that you're looking for, the cause and the symptom might still be in your life, in which case, you might be healed today, but you might have it back tomorrow, tomorrow being another day. Then you say, "But I thought God healed me from that." And the answer is: He did. So why is it back in my body? Because the cause of the corruption of it is still in your life. Hallelujah.

So, the Bible says, *my people perish for a lack of knowledge*. And so, I'm trying to give you some knowledge because as I lay hands on you today, and as I pray for you, that you understand that there are things that affect your health. And if I pray for you, and you are, I'm not going to ask you what I'm going to pray for you today. I have a specific instruction from the Lord and how to go about this today. But for example, if you suffer from depression, or from oppression, or something like that, I immediately want to say, what is it that you're engaged in in your life that is causing this? What do you do? What habits are you involved in? I mean, I'm not a doctor. I'm not a psychologist. I'm not anybody that's got any kind of degree that can give you an answer to this, but I will tell you this, that if you're sitting and watching violent movies every night that have got murder, death, kill, steal, kill, kill, kill more, rape, whatever, terrible things. If you're watching that stuff. Now you're getting depressed. I'm going to say to you just one example. Don't shoot me from there somebody, please. *Shoot* being the operative word [*Congregation laughing*].

If you're doing that, and you start to get depressed, and you begin to become fearful and things, I'm going to say to you, "Stop watching those movies, dude." I mean, it's like, "Hey, hello? You're back." "But can't God relieve me of this, then I'll...?" "Well, why should He?" "Because He's God, he must heal me." "Okay, but are you going to keep watching those movies?" Well, if you do, it's just going to be coming back. Three days later, you're depressed again. "But God, you healed me?" But I'm watching violent movies, though, because I've got a habit. '*Ja né*' and so it is true that as a human race, as a species of the, in the Western world at least. the age of death. And people dying has got much older. So, people are not dying as young as they used to die, especially in the Western world, because there's so much more medicine available and more medical health available. So, because there is medical help available and things like that people are of dying, they're living longer.

But if we had to take medical help out of our society, and we now had to start to live without a medical aid, without a doctor, without a dentist, without some kind of surgeon that can help me. Suddenly we'll become much, much more aware of what's happening in our environment and how we interact with our environment. We'll become much more dependent on what does the Bible says about actually changing my environment. Which is why when we go into Africa, and we pray for people in Africa, they're much more open to healing. They have miracles happening in Africa, because they don't have doctors and dentists and Discovery Health.

So, surely Isaiah 53 verse 4 to 10 <sup>4</sup> **Surely He**, this is a prophetic word of what Jesus was going to become for us, **He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows;** because we were born to grief and sorrows. Come on. You were born to grief and

sorrows, and we structured our society so that we can minimize the grief and the sorrow. **Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted.** <sup>5</sup> **But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.** <sup>6</sup> **All we like sheep have gone astray;** You see, here's what I've been talking about. We like sheep have gone astray; we've gone astray into all the environments where sheep shouldn't go. All like sheep, **We have turned, every one, to his own way;** I want to eat what I want. I want to do what I want. I want to go where I want. I want to say what I want, **And the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity,** of all of us upon Jesus, **of us all.**

<sup>7</sup> **He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, So He opened not His mouth.** <sup>8</sup> **He was taken from prison and from judgment, And who will declare His generation? For He was cut off from the land of the living; For the transgressions of My people He was stricken.** <sup>9</sup> **And they made His grave with the wicked—But with the rich at His death, Because He had done no violence, Nor was any deceit in His mouth.** Right here are the secrets of healthy living because this is what he died for. So, we don't have to do this anymore. <sup>10</sup> **Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, And the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in His hand. (Isaiah 53:4-10 NKJV).** Hallelujah.

So we go to the New Testament, 1 Peter chapter 2, verse 21. <sup>21</sup> **For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps:** <sup>22</sup> **“Who committed no sin, Nor was deceit found in His mouth”;** <sup>23</sup> **who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed *Himself* to Him who judges righteously;** the Father <sup>24</sup> **who Himself bore our sins in His own body,** He bore our sins in His own body. Come on, here's an answer, sins and body, body and sin. Sin is a result of what you do to your body and what you are choosing in your body. So therefore, if he has sickness and disease, it comes because of sin that's on your body. <sup>24</sup> **who Himself bore our sins in His own body, on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed.** <sup>25</sup> **For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls. (1 Peter 2:21-25 NKJV).**

Here's the answer to us living a life of health and wellbeing, is that we give ourselves over to the Shepherd of our soul, because as we choose Him in our soul and we put on Christ, then we make choices by the new creature that pushes sickness and disease away from us. Amen. 3 John 1, verse 2 says, <sup>2</sup> **Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health,** prosperity and health go together in Christ, **just as your soul prospers. (3 John 1:2 NKJV).** How does your soul prosper? You've just returned to the Shepherd and the overseer of your soul. That's how your soul prospers, that your soul is in Him, your soul has given over to Him, not to the things of the world and the environment around us.

Okay, one more thing I have to say and then I'm, then we're done today. For the most part, I live my life this way. And anybody that followed the group of teaching,

great wonderful men of God that we follow after; Oral Roberts, Kenneth Hagin, Kenneth Copeland, Brother Jerry, all of these people. Brother Jerry actually was the first one that I ever heard made this statement and he made this statement. I mean, others have said it, but he made it in a way that I heard it first from him and it made sense to me. He said this, do you want the healing power of God? Or do you want to live in divine health? So, everybody wants a healing miracle when you're sick. But the best option is to live in divine health.

So how do you live in divine health? Your soul must prosper. How does your soul prosper? You give your soul over to the Overseer, the Great Shepherd of your soul. What does that do? That means he wants to feed you with the Word, he wants to feed you by the Holy Spirit so that when you are in the environment, as a creature, all the other environmental things those other creatures are choosing you say no to because your soul is being watched over by the Shepherd.

So, when they say, yes, to all kinds of ways of eating, you say, no. But I like Niknaks, Pastor John, that cheesy flavour on Niknaks. You don't understand and if you take it with warm hot bread, and you just take the bread out like that, and you shove a few Niknaks into the bread and you eat it. You don't understand how nice that is. I do otherwise I wouldn't be telling you. Right? Or whatever other form of bunny chow you like. Right? You don't understand how nice this is, Pastor John. I do but what's on the Niknaks? MSG preservative, colourants. What's Niknaks made out of? Pure sugar, carbs. Right?

Wat van die brood? Look, bread is my staple diet so don't mess with it. Do you know what's in bread? I'll tell you what if you go to any doctor who knows about nutrition and most doctors don't know about nutrition. They only do three, three months of their whole six years of training they do on nutrition. So, most doctors don't actually know proper nutrition. Hey yay yay, I will close my mouth now on that score. But here's what they will say, you must have a balanced diet. So, what's a balanced diet? Well, you don't eat white bread, eat brown bread. Really? Is there a difference? Okay, maybe one gram of carb difference between the brown bread and the white bread. Maybe there's two grams of more fibre in the brown bread than the white bread, maybe. I dare you to go and look at the ingredients of the white bread and then whole wheat bread, what they call whole wheat bread. So, what wheat do they make the white bread from? Same wheat, they just refine one a bit more than the other. But when it gets into your stomach, it's the same bread. You're blowing all of my theories here today, Pastor John.

Well, I'm just trying to say to you, as a general way of life, I would rather live in divine health than have to believe God for miracles. But in order to live in divine health, I have to observe some things. So, Brother Copeland, God began to deal with him and he started to publicly say this, that God wanted him to live to 120, so that he could access anointings and mantels that have not yet been discovered. Because people don't live old enough and long enough to have access to those mantle's and those anointings. So that's what he's believing God for. Okay.

So, one of the things that he started to, as he is connecting with God, and he's talking to medical professionals, they tell him, if you want to live older, you got to stop drinking coffee. Don't drink coffee, it's the worst thing for your longevity. So, longevity,

but who thinks about living long, when you're 35? Let's go for cappuccino. Hey, I'm not going to destroy your coffee. You have to go with God with whatever you are living with, where God is overseeing your soul. For Brother Copeland, who God has said, "I want you to believe me to live to 120." Lord said, "You won't get there if you don't quit coffee." There's a whole lot of other things that the Lord began to tell him that he has to quit and some things that he has to do. So, he has to drink at least two and a half litres of water every day. He's got to exercise every day. He can't drink coffee. There are things that he mustn't eat.

He has special food specially prepared for him with a diet that has been prepared by a combination of medical professionals, professionals whose whole business is nutrition. And I can guarantee you, sorry Le Roux, there is no doughnuts in his diet [*Congregation laughing*]. I'm saying for longevity. God spoke to him and said, "Don't eat those things and I'll tell you what to eat." So, when you look at him, he's very slim now. Brother, Jerry was showing us some pictures, showed us some pictures on his cell phone when we were together with him now. He showed us some pictures on his cell phone of things, places and things that him and Brother Copeland had done in the early years of his ministry. Obviously, those pictures have been scanned and so now they're available to us. He showed me one picture and he said, "Look out overweight Brother Copeland was here. This was when he was actually flying for Oral Roberts."

He said, "Look at how overweight Brother Copeland was here.". And actually, if you had to see Brother Copeland's size now and the size that he was back then, you wouldn't even recognize him as the same person. You know? Okay, so I prefer to live a life where I'm living in divine health, rather than believing God for miracles. So, one of the things God began to speak to me about years ago, you know that, is to exercise. And so, I have to make exercise as part of my life. Not just because, I mean I got to make it a part of my life because that's what the Lord said to me. If I want to live in health and I want to live long, I need to exercise. There are some things that I used to do a lot of that I do not do anymore. For example, I used to eat a lot of popcorn, I don't do it anymore because popcorn gave me gout. I don't have gout anymore.

Every now and again I'll eat it because it's just fun to eat it and I can enjoy it but as a rule in my life. I don't eat popcorn. That's the overseer of muscle looking at for me, where He's speaking to me because I've got Him in my life and He's saying to me, "Cut popcorn out of your diet and you won't get gout." Now if you go to any other doctor and ask him, "Does popcorn create gout?" They'll tell you, "No." They might say it's the sodium that you put on the popcorn, the salt that you put on the popcorn that gives you gout. They might say that. I don't know. I don't care what they say, or they don't say, that's what God told me to do. "Cut out popcorn, because you were eating a lot of it."

So next thing I want to say is because I have learned from Brother Jerry, I would rather live in divine prosperity than to have to believe God for a financial miracle. Which means I have to live constantly doing the things that brings divine prosperity. So, what is divine prosperity? Divine prosperity is not the abundance of cash in your bank account. Divine prosperity is a knowledge that you have, that by the overseer of your soul, you can meet any one of your needs at any given time. That you never

have to have a need. God always meets your need. It's not an abundance of cash. Amen. So, we live in a world where we know that the word of God is seed and we know that the word of God as seed in our mouth will create a harvest. Some 30, some 60, and some a 100-fold. So, if you're putting the Word of God for walking in divine health, then the overseer of your soul taking the word is going to create a harvest of loving life in a way that will cause you to have divine health, in the same way it applies to prosperity.

Now, as a general rule, when we come and lay hands on you, in our group of people, we encourage you quite correctly, we encourage you to take healing Scriptures, and to speak them out of your mouth, so that you may retain the healing that God has given you. So, when you are healed from a sickness or disease, the Word of God will keep you from that sickness and disease. But it's a bit of a simplistic approach because I don't know what's in your soul. Only the overseer of your soul can tell you what words you should be speaking so that whatever caused you to get sick, you don't have that cause in your life anymore. This is very good healing preaching. So now I want to tell you that what I'm believing God for today is that I'm believing God today, I'm asking Him, that even though you need to speak Scriptures in your life about health and healing, I'm asking God, and I have asked him. I'm just telling you what I asked Him, that today, the Holy Spirit will be present, and He will be present.

And I want to read this to you, <sup>1</sup> **Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant:** <sup>2</sup> **You know that you were Gentiles, carried away to these dumb idols, however you were led.** <sup>3</sup> **Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed, and no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit.** <sup>4</sup> **There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.** <sup>5</sup> **There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord.** <sup>6</sup> **And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all.** <sup>7</sup> **But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all:** <sup>8</sup> **for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit,** <sup>9</sup> **to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit,** <sup>10</sup> **to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.** <sup>11</sup> **But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills. (1 Corinthians 12:1-11 NKJV).**

I have asked the Holy Spirit, that the gifts of the Holy Spirit will be present today in all of these gifts in operation, that as I lay hands on you, if there is a need for a word of wisdom, a word of knowledge, if there is a need for the gift of healing, the gift of miracles, the gift of whatever might need to be available for you that it will be present and I'm asking the Holy Spirit, that He by the Holy Spirit will do the miracle work that only the Holy Spirit can do. Because what healing is in these hands? I have no healing in my hands. Not me, John. I'm only a vessel, that as I am a point of contact with hands, that the Holy Spirit does the work because we do this action by faith.

So, we have the faith that this human being is used by God to bring healing, because the Word of God says, *I will bring healing this way.* Amen. So, I'm just wanting to clarify one more thing before I do this. <sup>11</sup> **But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one, individually, as He wills.** So, we have a

tendency to think that sometimes there'll be the gift of the Holy Spirit, someone's going to always prophecy, someone different is going to do something and we tend to think that some people have got more healing gifts than others. So, there are ministry gifts, where these gifts often are more present than others. But I want to say to you, that the scripture says, *as the Holy Spirit wills*, it is not because some evangelist has the gift of healing and miracles operating, because as an evangelist, his business is to draw people to Christ.

I want to read to you John 14, verse 12, it says, <sup>12</sup> **“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father. (John 14:23 NKJV).** *So, he who believes in Me, will do these works.* I haven't got time to go into this, in John chapter 14, 15, 16 and 17. Many times Jesus says, *“Ask her father, and I will do it for you.”* He wills to do things for you. He wills you to have the gift of healing by the Holy Spirit and the gift of miracles by the Holy Spirit. He wills for these things to be in operation. Amen. Hallelujah. Praise the Lord. Glory to Jesus, I'm going to ask the musicians to come to the stage, please. Hallelujah.

So, we're going to move quite quickly today. The minute I said that, obviously there is movement in the auditorium, people are getting busy to be functional here. And so, I'm just waiting for some of the people to get here so that we're not distracted by what I'm about to do. Praise the Lord. It is said that Jesus had 39 stripes that is biblical. But it is said that all disease can be translated into 39 major diseases. I don't know if that's true or not. People have said that I've heard people say that. But either way, every stripe that was put on Jesus body, was designed by the Heavenly Father, permitted by the Heavenly Father, so that by His stripes, we are healed. Amen. So, I'm going to make this declaration today. And I'm going to ask you to get into agreement with me. That whatever it is that you are believing God for today, whatever healing you need, whatever. Whatever ails you, whatever is oppressing you, whatever is harming you in your body, whatever mental condition or whatever stress or whatever, oppression or depression, whatever mental, soulish condition you are now currently having to deal with, it could be fear, it could be failure, it could be many different things.

I declare that as I lay hands on you today that you are healed from that. If there are things that you have done in your past that have caused you to have habits and to have addictions and to have things in your body that harm, you. I declare today that as I lay hands on you, you're free and delivered from them in Jesus' name. Hallelujah. I speak to you, and I command every sickness and every disease in your body to leave in the name of Jesus. I declare and I can speak that it doesn't matter whatever habit or whatever, bad eating or whatever lack of exercise or whatever thing that has caused your body to be in this condition, I say in the name of Jesus, be healed. And it might be that there are even conditions in people because the Lord spoke to us to my heart. And he said there are things that are happening in people's bodies that they don't know is yet to be manifested as a disease and a sickness that somewhere down the line, if they did not come for healing this morning, that they are delivered it from that today in Jesus' name. Hallelujah.

So, I'm not asking you all to come up, because that might be the case. Only if you have something that you want me to pray for. Then I'm the vessel of God today, that

the Holy Spirit through gifts of miracles and healings, and the Holy Spirit, that is the one that does all the work of Jesus, and the Father will heal you. He will heal you and He will restore you. I declare that your vital organs of your body wherever sickness and disease has attacked, your heart, your lungs, your liver, your stomach, your pancreas, your kidneys, all of the major organs of your body, your glands, the things that make your body work, I speak to them, and I command them in the name of Jesus to be healed. As I lay hands on you, the healing power of God will come into your body, and you will be healed. In Jesus name. I speak to those people who have problems with bones, and the marrow in the bones and perhaps blood diseases and it affects your bones. And I say in the name of Jesus, as I lay hands on you, you will be healed from those bone diseases.

I must speak this out by the Holy Spirit, and I declare in the name of Jesus, that those oppressive things that are causing you to live in fear and live in a in a state of constant anxiety about whether you're going to make it or not make it in life, and whether someone's going to attack you, or something is going to happen bad to you. I command that spirit of fear, I command it to leave your mind and to leave your soul in the name of Jesus as I lay hands on you. And I call on the Spirit of peace and I call on the Spirit of God that is the healing God and I ask the Holy Spirit to work with these hands and to work with this message today. That as I lay hands on you, that the healing power of God comes upon you. Hallelujah.

The reason why I'm doing this is because I felt in my heart that I want you to do be speaking words of wellbeing and health over yourself and of your body. Hallelujah. Thank You, Lord. See, this is what I was believing God for. Right now, the Holy Spirit, He says to me that there will be some woman that come up here that really struggle heavily with monthly cycle issues. So, I'm not asking you, that's why I said I'm not asking anybody to tell me why I'm laying hands on you today. But the Lord told me right now that some people are going to be healed from those struggles that they have every month, where it's almost incapacitates them or causes them to have problems in their life, headaches and different things. Not the headache that you say to your husband, but proper headaches, you know? Hallelujah. Praise Jesus. Praise Jesus. Praise Jesus. Praise Jesus. Hallelujah.

You see the Holy Spirit's gifts already operating, because I asked him to. Hallelujah. Thank you, Father. Thank you, Jesus. Thank You, Jesus. I believe that every single sickness that is upon your body, and I can't name them all, because they're too many for me to name, that as I lay hands on you, those people that come up here, that God heals you and sets you free and delivers you from them in Jesus' name. Thank you, Lord. There are going to be men hear that you are really struggling with prostate issues or urine issues, or things that have to do with the male organs in the body, and the functioning of your body. God is going to deliver you and heal you today. In Jesus name, Hallelujah. I don't need to know who you are. The Holy Spirit knows. Praise Jesus. Glory to God. Hallelujah.

When I was in the service with Brother Richard Roberts on Sunday morning in Texas, he was operating in gifts of the Holy Spirit with a word of knowledge, a word of wisdom. And I said to my spirit, "Father, I'm going to believe that these gifts operate when we do this healing service. And we are going to continue to have healing services." Because part of our faith. thing is that once I've prayed for you,

you think now you must be healed and if you come up for prayer again, your faith is not there because you still have... No, I will lay hands on you as many times as I need to lay hands on you so that the fullness of your wholeness of every wellbeing of your body comes into play. God is not a 'sissie' God, He doesn't mind if we lay hands on you many times. Come on now. Hallelujah. Praise Jesus. Glory to God.

Thank you, Father. Thank you. I know that that there are some people here that have eyesight problems. That I'm not saying it because I know that some people have, I'm saying it because the Holy Spirit just reminded me that there are going to be people here that have got eye problems, eye problems. And so, by the way, I'm believing God for that, because when I was in the army, I had a misfire that lacerated my cornea. And over the years, it's impaired some of my seeing, especially at night. So, I'm believing God, that as I'm laying hands on you, that God is going to heal my right eye from that, long time ago. Hallelujah. Praise Jesus. Praise Jesus. Glory to God. Glory to God.

And so, there are many things. There are many things that the enemy of God has come against humanity with sicknesses and diseases, and all manner of issues. And today, we begin a process in this church, we begin to count on and rely on the Holy Spirit, to show us the things we've got to change in our lives so we can live healthier, but also that we are free from sickness and disease in our lives. Hallelujah. Praise the Lord. Glory to God. So, I'm going to ask the ushers to help me here that will start with this section of people here. And whoever need me to lay hands on you, you're going to just walk past me and I'm going to just put my hand on you. Because I don't need to stand you and pray for you for a long time for the power of God to touch you. The Word of God has done its job here today. The Healing Power of God is already present here today.

And so, all I'm going to do is obey God and lay my hands on you and in the name of Jesus, you will be healed. Because you're not healed because I can do anything about it. All I got to do is, I'm the vessel, I'm the person or put my hand on you, and God will heal you in Jesus' name. Hallelujah. So, can you help me to make sure that the people come from this side and then when we're done with it, then we can row by row from the middle. And then in the end, we will come to this side over here. Hallelujah.

Come stand people. Let's start the process of praying. Hallelujah. Praise Jesus. And I'm asking all of you to just be praying in the Spirit and just be exercising your faith, because we're going to do this quickly. And we're going to exercise our faith together that the healing power of God is working. Glory to God. So, I'm going to start here as I lay hands on you. Lebo, you're going to turn and you're going to walk away and then I'm going to lay hands and lay hands and lay hands on you, you're going to walk. Amen. I'm going to need an usher behind somebody because if they fall under the power of God, I need somebody there to catch them. But listen, you don't need to fall or anything major, the Healing Power of God is just working. It just works. Hallelujah.